

ture of the company met yesterday to discuss the claims of men living on the Michigan river who were engaged by high water last spring. They found the company responsible for this.

Four Accidents.
 Two of three days since Fred Haskins, brakeman on the Chicago & West Michigan, crashed a train and one finger while coupling cars out was known as the "Duke local." A freight train running between Big Rapids and Holland. Last evening William Weaver, while coupling cars on the same train, received injuries necessitating the amputation of three fingers. Two crushing accidents are reported. John T. Clark's little son was nearly scalded by running into a lumber pile, and yesterday afternoon the 8-year-old boy of Theodore Melton received a broken thigh by his sled striking a stump. The latter accident was at Woodville.

Robbed His Friend.
 SAGINAW, Dec. 22.—Charles Nash came to the city from Birmingham, N. Y., three months ago and after proving himself a valuable employee of William Moore in the restaurant business, he leased the establishment. Although 40 years of age Mr. Nash took into himself a wife in the person of Miss Florence Dubois, who is but 17 years of age. It now transpires that Nash was unable to pay his help and that Sunday he quit the city, leaving numerous creditors, among them Mr. Moore.

Will Help Him Up.
 LANSING, Dec. 22.—The governor today asked a pardon for George P. Clinton, who two years ago was convicted of forgery and sent to the house of correction for five years. The complaining witnesses in the case were his employers, Zahinsky & Bennett, the Woodward avenue engravers in Detroit, and these same gentlemen have now interested themselves in the young man's behalf. They will take him back into their employ.

Another Being This Is Cold.
 JACKSON, Dec. 22.—Dr. F. W. Rogers reports that a strange dog which had been injured by an electric car hobbled to his office, whined until the door was opened and then got in. There he stood quiet until the physician dressed a wound in one leg and the tail. The canine barked when the job was done, and ran out of the door on three legs as soon as he could. Dr. Rogers wonders who told the dog he was a surgeon.

Saginaw Restaurant Skips.
 SAGINAW, Dec. 22.—Charles Nash, who came here from Birmingham, N. Y., about three months ago, is missing. Upon arriving here he was employed in William Moore's restaurant, but later on Moore leased the concern. Nash, who is 40 years of age, recently married 17-year old Florence Dubois. It is reported that he could not pay his help and skipped, leaving numerous creditors.

After Forty Years.
 JACKSON, Dec. 22.—Mrs. Lydia Patterson filed a bill of complaint in the circuit court for divorce from Almon Patterson. They have lived together for nearly forty years and are prominent people here. Extreme cruelty is alleged. The defendant has property amounting to \$15,000. Alimony is asked. An attorney was issued restraining the defendant from disposing of his property.

Think He is in Hiding.
 KALAMAZOO, Dec. 22.—It is now believed by many people in this city that George Taylor, the alleged murderer of Miss Conely of Niles, is under cover here somewhere. It is alleged that a man whose appearance tallies closely with that of Taylor in everything but color, was seen in the city only a few days ago. The man's color is believed to have been fixed with burned cork.

Will Plead Guilty.
 CASSIOWA, Dec. 22.—Frank Wilson, alias Brewer, who was arrested last week on a charge of assault, Hazel Strickland of Cassiowa being the defendant, had a hearing yesterday afternoon. Upon the testimony of Hazel and two playmates he was bound over to the circuit court. He is expected that he will plead guilty. He has served six years for highway robbery.

Knew It Eight Years Ago.
 BAY CITY, Dec. 22.—When Blaine visited Bay City last year as candidate for the presidency, Dr. C. T. Newkirk, after meeting the great statesman, said Blaine was troubled with some organic disease and gave an opinion that he would probably die of Bright's disease. From Blaine's present condition it would appear that the doctor's prediction will come true.

Dead in the Road.
 THE RAPIDS, Dec. 22.—A man named Samuel Collins, employed by Postmaster Wilson at Cassiowa, Mich., was yesterday found dead in the road, having fallen from a load of wood he was driving on a sleigh. It is supposed he died of apoplexy or heart disease. He was 50 years old and leaves a widow.

Thought School Lands.
 LANSING, Dec. 22.—W. W. Cummer of Cadillac made a phenomenal sale of school lands today. He sold a tract of all the unsold Agricultural College lands in Western county, amounting to 2,300 acres and the price paid was \$24,750.

Traveller's Bad Fate.
 TROVATON, Dec. 22.—The hotel, saloon and skating rink belonging to John Moore burned to the ground yesterday morning. It was feared that half the town would burn, but the citizens were quick in action and the fire was kept at bay. Mr. Moore's property was insured.

Crushed to Death.
 FORTY-FOUR, Dec. 22.—Nathan Gehring was instantly killed a few miles south of this village at 9 o'clock last night. A wagon loaded with a boiler and engine tipped over and fell upon him as he was walking along beside the vehicle driving the team.

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Battle Creek Blaze.
 BATTLE CREEK, Dec. 22.—A midnight blaze in the basement of Sanford's dry goods store nearly led to the destruction of the Tacoma block on Main street west, but the fire department saved the building.

Wants a Re-count.
 LANSING, Dec. 22.—Judge Newton today applied to the supreme court for a mandamus to compel the board of canvassers of Wayne county to make a re-count of the votes for justice of the supreme court.

Great Mill Burned.
 EVART, Dec. 22.—L. J. Lemert's gristmill, one mile north of this village, burned to the ground early this morning. The loss amounted to \$3,000 and there was no insurance.

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A man by the name of Fred Freeman took up his residence in a camp about eight miles from Baldwin with his family. Matt Gleason was making arrangements to start a logging camp, which Freeman rented, and on Gleason's attempt to enter the house shot at him with a rifle, just missing his head. On being arrested he claimed to have intended to frighten him only, and did not wish to hurt anyone.

John Knox, a saloon tough, was caught in the act of committing a burglary at Ed Jones' residence in Belding. Wednesday afternoon. He had broken in a back door and effected an entrance, when detected and arrested.

When a tramp asks for lodging at the Battle Creek jail it is not refused, but last week they commenced giving them a bail and chain sentence, since then the lodgings business at Battle Creek has all petered out.

Wednesday the Manistee Democrat printed a sixteen-page special holiday edition which is filled with excellent matter. The Manistee is one of the best of its kind in the state.

Postmaster Giffin of Roscommon, did not forward an unstamped letter belonging to Peter Kinney of Houghton Lake. Kinney roasts Giffin in the local paper. Now Giffin sues Kinney for slander.

Curtis Gregory, an employee of the Battle Creek Machinery company, fell into a pit of molten brass the other day and may lose an arm as the result of the injuries sustained.

William Hamble was arrested at Leominster on a requisition from Oregon, where he is wanted on a charge of going away with more money than he belonged to.

Minnie Marks of Mendon, possesses a silver brooch which, sixty years ago, her father received from a Pottawatomie chief in return for a loaf of bread.

Burglars abstracted several hundred dollars in bills and miscellaneous articles from Thomas Flannigan's residence, happening early Tuesday morning.

The editors of the Big Rapids Pioneer and Bulletin are sarcastically paying each other compliments through the columns of their respective papers.

The Plainwell Enterprise has gotten out a holiday edition with a handsomely illustrated cover. The paper is a credit to the town.

Eaton Rapids men have taken 1,500 bushels of potatoes out of the ground, the yield of twelve acres, and sent them to market.

Charles Swan, a well known Benton Harbor bandmaster, has joined the Russian circus band.

OUR SHOW OF FRUIT

The Horticultural Society and Fruit Growers' Association

DISCUSSING THE EXHIBIT

To Be Made at the World's Fair—Complaints About the Appropriation Move for That Purpose.

Last night the joint meeting of the West Michigan Fruit Growers' society and the Grand River Valley Horticultural society began in the horticultural rooms in the court house. There was a large attendance of persons interested in fruit growing; among those present from outside being Joseph Lannin, J. L. Hopkin, Carl Sheffer, W. H. Payne and George Munroe of South Haven, Thomas Wilde of Berlin, Walter Phillips of Grand Haven, Judge F. J. Russell of A. A. Bass of Spring Grove, Dr. W. Wiley of Douglas, Alexander Hamilton of Ganges, William Waits of Dutton, O. S. Bush of Ganges, R. M. Kellogg of Ionia, Albert Jackson of Keweenaw.

Opening Addresses.
 J. A. Pearce, president of the Horticultural society, delivered an address of welcome. He spoke of the harmony existing between the two societies. Walter Phillips, president of the West Michigan fruit growers' association, responded to the address of welcome. He spoke of the kindred interests of the two societies, and urged that the study of pomology be renewed energy. He paid a tribute to the work of Charles W. Garfield and thanked the society for the cordial welcome extended.

President Joseph Lannin, of South Haven, delivered his annual address. Mr. Lannin was the organizer of the association eight years ago. He spoke of the purposes and objects of his society, and said the fruit growers had interests that could not be neglected after by a purely agricultural society. He gave a brief resume and discussed the adaptability of western Michigan for fruit growing, owing to its favorable location. He said this section of the state could not be excelled by any locality in the world.

Reports of the executive committee and other officers were deferred until this morning.

Secretary C. L. Whitney of Muskegon then discussed the question of fruit packages. He said uniformity is the main object in view. Twelve basket makers will be present this morning and exhibit samples.

Committee Appointments.
 The following committees were announced by the president:
 Resolutions—The Hon. F. J. Russell of Hart, D. W. Wiley of Douglas and Clark Sheffer of South Haven.

Fruit—A. Hamilton, Thomas Wilde and A. A. Bass.
 A short recess was then taken and the president opened the question box. The first subject for discussion was, "What has been done, is being done, and should be done to make the Michigan exhibit at the Columbus exposition a success?" The discussion was to be opened by J. J. Woodman of Paw Paw. He was absent and the first question in the box was taken up.

"What benefit is to be derived from mulching sandy land in the fall?" discussed by R. M. Kellogg of Ionia. He did not think mulching of any benefit unless the land heaves. He burns the mulching and this destroys the weeds and insects. As soon as he gets through picking he runs a mowing machine over the plants. He thought there is no danger in freezing and thawing unless the roots are pulled. He thought the great objection to mulching with manure is that too many weed seeds are brought in, and the mulching causes the weeds to grow, turning the leaves black instead of keeping them green. He mulches just as soon as the ground is frozen, and does not move it until after the picking.

"Will cutting back new peach trees in September be to ripen the fruit?" was the next question. D. W. Wiley knew no good reason for cutting back the trees. Alexander Hamilton thought it would not tend to ripen the fruit, having the contrary effect instead. W. N. Cook knew of a case in which a growth of brush had been stimulated with detriment to the fruit. Mr. Pearce knew of an instance in which the trees had been seriously injured by the practice, and did not favor it. Mr. Adams tried it on one tree, and the tree did not produce any fruit and was permanently injured.

World's Fair Exhibit.
 Secretary Whitney related the history of the Michigan exhibit of fruit for the world's fair. The canned fruit exhibit, he said, had been neglected. Cans had been contracted for to hold seven and eleven pints; but when they were ordered the committee was told that the works had shut down, and no cans could be procured until September 1. J. J. Woodman had been placed in charge of the work and he was asked to relate his experience. Mr. Woodman said Judge Hamilton of Traverse City had been appointed to take full charge of the work. He had seen the judge and believed there was a fair amount of fruit put up, and that it is in good condition. Mr. Woodman hoped the present growing industry of Michigan would be represented in a fitting manner. He said he had been in nearly every state in the Union, had traveled over the continent, and had visited Europe; he had been in the West Indies, and had made extensive trips to South America; but he believed Michigan to be the garden spot of the world. Mr. Woodman closed by exhorting his hearers to do all in their power to make an exhibit worthy of the great state.

Mr. Hopkins said two men from Leavenworth this fall who had handled fruit for years, and they told him they had never before saw such immense Northern Spies as they saw in the Traverse City.

Inadequate Means.
 R. W. Wiley thought the exhibit would be what it ought to have been on account of a lack of means.

Mr. Whitney said the state did not make adequate provision; that the committee had been expected to work gratuitously, and pay its own expenses, the appropriation to be used to get the fruit in Chicago and take care of it after getting it there. He thought much could be done yet toward preparing the fruit, and he thought the commission should make arrangements to purchase fruit from growers that could not afford to give it away. He said a fresh exhibit of strawberries could be made extending during an entire month, from the time the berries ripened in the southern part of the state until they ripened about Traverse City and Potosi.

Mr. Phillips discussed the subject of the fruit packages.

from the standpoint Mr. Wiley had taken.
 Three sessions will be held today. The program for this forenoon includes a paper on "Good Roads in Marketing Fruit," by the Hon. S. S. Bailey, "The Commercial Pear Orchard," by Joseph Lannin of South Haven, and a discussion: "What Size and Form of Fruit Packages Shall We Use and How Can We Secure Uniformity?" J. A. Pearce of Grand Rapids will take the fruit growers side of the question and Alfred J. Brown will talk for the commission men.

Marriage Licenses.
 The following is a list of the marriage licenses issued a day or two ago, with the names of the parties.
 Agnes George & Lewis, Clair county; Anna Charles & H. Quigley, Cassiowa; Nellie Cox, Cassiowa; Frank Van der Pong, Cassiowa; Maudie Maudie & George, Cassiowa; George & Rogers, Cassiowa.

Real Estate Transfers.
 Joseph Houseman to Empurilla S. Houseman, lot 12, Prairie street, \$12,000.
 William Miller to James M. Bennett and Henry H. Bennett, lot 12, Prairie street, \$12,000.
 Frank A. Collins to Reta P. Parmenter, lot 12, Grove street, \$1,500.
 Maggie Bishop to Bertie Winstanley, lot 12, Grove street, \$1,500.
 Wm H. Stewart to John C. Stewart, lot 12, Grove street, \$1,500.
 Nelson Higbee to Emma R. Williams, lot 12, Grove street, \$1,500.
 George H. Rogers to Lizzie C. Welch, lot 12, Grove street, \$1,500.
 Louis Shepard to Jennie M. Stewart, lot 12, Grove street, \$1,500.
 Nelson Higbee to Emma R. Williams, lot 12, Grove street, \$1,500.
 A. Eugene Bailey to A. B. Pearson, lot 4, block 2, Ward's add., and Lake, \$50.

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